Missouri's Crop Losses. The condition of the Missouri wheat crop declined 12 points in April and was 82 on May 1, compared with 87 a year ago, according to the monthly report issued by George B. Ellis, secretary of the Missouri state board of agriculture. Plant lice, or green bugs, have injured the crop in the district from McDonald and Barry counties, in the southwest corner of the state, to Jackson county, and they have appeared also in Warren, Franklin and Montgomery countres, in the east central portion of the state. The bottom blades of the wheat, in some sections, are covered with rust. The condition of the oats crop is 75 per cent, compared with 74 per cent a year ago. Many fields will be plowed up on account of the presence of plant lice. The crop needs warmer weather. Thirty-six per cent of the corn was planted May 1, compared with 56 per cent a year ago. The early planted corn is coming up slowly. Almost a complete loss of the crops of apples, peaches, pears, cherries and plums is reported, as a result of the freezing

### A Bad Showing.

in some districts.

weather in April. The loss to fruit

growers amounts to millions. Berries

promise a fair crop. Live stock is in

good condition. Loss of young pigs

has been heavy. Cholera is prevalent

Statistics concerning the educational standing of Missouri, produced by Mrs. Charles Green of Coumbia, chairman of the edicational committee, at the session of the Missouri federation of women's clubs at Carthage caused great amazement among the delegates. Mrs. Green stated that Missouri stood thirty-first educationally; that 11,000 of the state's population were illiterates, that is persons who could neither read nor write, not including negroes, and that only 518 of such illiterates were found in the cities, the greater portion being in the smaller settlements and in the rural districts. Mrs. Green produced a mar of Missouri on which the counties of the state not containing high schools were marked, the number of such counties being 17. Mrs. Green, to strengthen her address, produced statistics which showed that there are more illiterates in Missouri than in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Wyoming and Utah combined.

# A Leap For Life.

The story of a real nerve wrecking "leap for life" comes from the Webb City mining district. John McHugh, a miner, was riding on a large electric motor which was being lowered for inspection tax on whisky. into a mine shaft. When one-third of the way down the cable broke and the machine fell. McHugh leaped from the falling mass and caugth the column pipe. Down this he slid to safety and found his friends looking for his body buried in the sump.

## His Insurance Just Canceled.

Wiggham's mill at Centralia caught fire and was partly burned. The fire was of incendiary origin, it is believed. Coal oil apparently was thrown through the window and the building set on fire. The insurance policies on the risk had just been canceled. The mill on the same site was destroyed by fire a few months ago.

# His Confidence Shaken.

At Gallatin a few days ago a man argued that saloon keepers were not necessarily had fellows. He pointed out one who "was a fine fellow, an honorable man and an all round gentleman." The very next day this saloon keeper was arrested, charged by telephoning bets into another with forgery.

## - Woman Killed a Porcupine

A large porcupine was killed by Mrs. Horace Sheley and Miss Nannie Leap of Independence, near the Mc-Elroy place, north of Mount Washington. While the women were out ariving they saw the animal and pelted it with stones, killed it and took it to Independence with them. Porcupines are extremely rare in this part of the country and no instance is remembered of one being found at large. It is supposed to have been living in a den near where it was caught.

# A New Missouri Bank Examiner.

R. W. Hawkins of Lineus has been appointed state bank examiner by Mr. Swanger, the secretary of state. The appointment was authorized by the law passed at the regular session of the legislature increasing the number of bank examiners from six to eight. Only one additional examiner is needed now, and the other appointment will not be made until the banking interests of the state demand ft. The salary is \$3,000 a year,

### MISSOURI LEGISLATURE.

Meeting in Special Session at Call of Gov. Folk to Consider Matters of Immediate Importance.

A bill to authorize an increase in the police force of Kansas City and increase the salaries of the policemen may be offered in the senate by Senator Cooper. The Casey bill, which failed, will be the model, but there will be some changes.

The house Thursday passed the Cooper bill giving cities the right to regulate the rates of public service corporations. The senate had already passed the bill, but it must go back to that body as the house refused to concur in one amendment requiring the appointment of a commission to investigate the condition of the corporation before the municipality could fix rates. The vote on final passage was 121 to 11.

The senate Friday concurred in the house amendment to the Cooper bill which gives cities the right to regulate the rates of public service corporations, and, passed the bill as amended. The bill passed the house Thursday. It now goes to the governor for signature.

The senate passed Bradley's mine workers' fellow servant bill without opposition Friday morning.

The house passed the general appropriation bill by the vote of 110 to 10. This bill carries the appropriation for the completion of the new supreme court building, which has been so bitterly contested in the house at this and the regular session.

The house Monday passed a bill prohibiting agents of distillers and brewers from obtaining dramshop licenses. The senate passed a bill which had already passed the house, making it a crime to procure fraudulent signatures to petitions or remonstrances for dramshops.

The Carter anti-treating bill, prohibiting the treating to liquor on the day of a general election or primary was passed and will go to the governor for his signature.

The house adopted a joint resolu tion by Biggs Monday afternoon pro viding for final adjournment of the two houses next Monday, May 13. The bill appropriating \$75,000 to pay

expenses of the extra session, has passed the house and senate,

The senate passed a bill authorizing the govrenor to contract with attorneys to press claims amounting to \$2, 000,000 in favor of the state and against the United States government The house committee on judiciary reported favorably a substitute for the senate bill providing a proceeding for the removal of derelict officials,

The house refused to pass the bill

The senate passed a bill making it a misdemeanor to store liquor in a local option county or to store liquor in any county not having local option without having a dramshop license.

The house failed to pass the bill giving the state board of railroad and warehouse commissioners power to regulate the rates to be charged by public service concerns outside of the

The house passed the substitute for the Barker telephone bill which makes a maximum rate to be charged for telephone service of 25 cents for each three minutes for the first 75 miles and 15 cents for each additional 50 miles and seven cents for each minute over three minutes, the distance to be computed on the shortest

mileage between points. Senator McAllister's bill to require social clubs to pay the regular dramshop license and obey the Sunday closing law provided for dramshops

ailed by one vote to pass the senate. The house Tuesday passed the senate bill prohibiting pool selling

The house Wednesday by a vote of 90 to 33 passed the home rule police bill recommended by Governor Folk in his call for the extra session.

Governor Folk signed the Cooper enabling act Wednesday. It was the first bill that reached the governor in the extra session and is the first measure sent back my the governor with his

signature. The house concurred in the senate amendments to the bill by Carter of Clark county prohibiting treating to intoxicating liquors on election days and

passed the bill as amended. The senate after a debate lasting all day, Wednesdaw night passed the Pemberton bill prohibiting saloons within five miles of Columbia. where the state university is located. The bill now lacks only Governor Folk's signa-

ture to make it a law. The house passed the Cooper bill giving the governor power to direct the attorney general to institute proceedings to oust derelict county officlais. The house also passed the senate bill extending the application of the fellow servant law to mines.

WHERE WOMAN IS SUPERIOR.

Vegetarian Springs a Few Facts on Astonished Companions.

"Since the first of the year," he said, "I haven't had a smoke, and I haven't taken a drink."

Everybody looked at him with amazement, respect and awe. How strong-willed he must be, they said; how ascetic, how spiritual! It was tre-

mendous. "And yet," said a pale vegetarian, 'all women, or at least 95 per cent. of them, maintain this wonderful abstinence their whole life long. Why don't you praise them for it?"

With his medicated handkerchief he brushed the sneer from his lips.

"We men," he said, "beside women are hogs. We call our women silly; we won't give them the vote; but the average woman lives on a higher plane than the average man. She thinks of nobler things than moneygrubbing, drink, tobacco, food.

"Did you ever hear your wife growl about the cooking? Did you ever hear of a woman epicure? No; woman is above the hoglike pleasures of the table. She is above such a tobacco and whisky seance as is now going on here."

The vegetarian put on his cap of medicated flannel, and, despite the warmth of the night, drew the flannel eartabs over his ears.

"Give woman her due," he ended. "She is a finer-fibered, a more temperate, a more spiritual creature than coarse, gross, hog-like man."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

#### IT WOULD BE SIMPLE.

Formalities Complied with, Escape from Hotel Was Easy.

In the days before the dawn of his fame it was the practice of a certain well known author to wander up and down the land seeking what he might devour in the way of suggestion and local color. In this way he had driftel down into Arkansas, "roughing it," and not, as he expresses it, presenting a appearance calculated to inspire a a tel proprietor with unlimited confi-

The only hotel in the town, a frame tructure, seemed to have been built upon the theory that there was plenty f room straight up, but that ground had to be bought, and the wanderer was shown to a room on the third floor, reached through many narrow and winding passages. From the one window it was a straight drop to the ground.

"Say, how would I get out of this place in case of fire?" he asked the landlord, who had brought up his

The other eyed him coldly.

"Wall," he drawled, "all yo' would have to do would be to show ther night watchman-the one with ther shotgun-a receipted bill foh yo' board an' lodgin', an' get him to tie up ther bulldog."-Harper's Weekly.

Costly Cyclopedia.

The revision of the great Korean cyclopedia called Munhon Pigo, which was ordered by the government some months ago, is now completed, and it consists of an edition of 29 volumes, which will be published at an expense of 47,500 yen .- Korean Daily News.

A Sane Analysis.

He-Won't you forgive me for kissing you? She-No. If I did you'd kiss me

again. He-I promise I won't.

She-Then what's the good?

FRIENDS HELP

St. Paul Park Incident.

"After drinking coffee for breakfast I always felt languid and dull, having no ambition to get to my morning duties. Then in about an hour or so a weak, nervous derangement of the heart and stomach would come over me with such force I would frequently have to lie down.

"At other times I had severe headaches; stomach finally became affected and digestion so impaired that I had serious chronic dyspepsia and constipation. A lady, for many years State President of the W. C. T. U., told me she had been greatly benefited by quitting coffee and using Postum Food Coffee; she was troubled for years with asthma. She said it was no cross to quit coffee when she found she could have as delicious an article as Postum.

"Another lady, who had been troubled with chronic dyspepsia for years, found immediate relief on ceasing coffee and beginning Postum twice a day. She was wholly cured. Still another friend told me that Postum Food Coffee was a Godsend to her, her heart trouble having been relieved after leaving off coffee and taking Postum.

"So many such cases came to my notice that I concluded coffee was the cause of my trouble and I quit and took up Postum. I am more than leased to say that my days of trouble have disappeared. I am well and happy." "There's a Reason." Read Road to Wellville," in page.

Labor of the Novelist.

"The way of the novelist must be hard," said a librarian of an uptown branch. "The other day an immaculately gotten up individual came into the library and announced that he was a writer with a specialty of dislect stories. We got him several books that he asked for, and little by little he took me into his confidence. 'I want the Scotch dialect for the stern father,' he explained; 'then when I've got enough of that I want some dialect for a sea captain, and then I want a duke-or maybe you can tell me, would a duke drop his h's'?"-N. Y.

FAMILY'S SKIN TROUBLES.

Eczema, Heat Rash, and Scalp Affections Afflict Different Members, But Cuticura Cures Them.

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Figures on Divorce Suits.

According to figures compiled by the census bureau at Washington a divorce suit is filed every ten minutes during working hours of court offithree minutes in the United States. This has been the average for the last 20 years, and census officials say the number is increasing at an alarming

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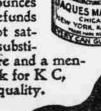
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